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Cubans to Free Own Nation, Says Speaker

Cuba will be liberated some day, but by its own efforts, a speaker told a meeting held here in commemoration of the 61st anniversary of the founding of the Republic of Cuba.

The prediction was made by Frank Bartes, a delegate of the Cuban Revolutionary Council. He addressed an assembly sponsored at Gallier Hall last night by the Cuban Student Directorate, Alpha 66, Second Front Escambray, Directorio Magisterial and Revolutionary Rescue.

Bartes said Cubans have the feeling they have been let down both by the American people and the American government.

"The big battle is yet to come," he forecast.

The gathering honored Robert J. Angers Jr., of Franklin, for an editorial in the Franklin Banner-Tribune, of which he is editor and publisher.

Angers' editorial was entitled "Come to Louisiana, You Cuban Patriots."

"Dramatize your plight so that the American conscience might cry out how we have so far shirked our responsibility," the editorial read. "For you see, we believe that America can no more afford the risk of a Communist Cuba than she can a Communist Louisiana."

A standing ovation was given Angers.

Other speakers were Carlos Bringuier of the Cuban Student Directorate, Ernesto Eascua, a member of the Cuban Revolutionary Council, and Dr. Jose Manuel Cuzco.

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